# The American Legion Post 164

# Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday January 18, 2022

6:00 Social with food and drinks.

7:00 Post Training on: Application Process and Mentoring new Members by Bill Kennison and Ed Sweat

7:30 Membership meeting called to order by Commander McGuire

#### Order of Business

Officer Roll Call; Absent was the Service Officer All Other Officers were Present

Review of minutes of previous Membership Meeting on December 21, 2021 were read. Review of minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on January 4, 2022 were read.

Introduction of guests; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander, Will Miller, Past Commander, and Harry Woodstrom Past Commander, and Currently Commander of District 22.

Introduction of New Members; 4 New Members were introduced and they spoke about their military background. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept their application, Phil Malsbary 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

Awards: None at this time.

Resolutions; A Resolutions for James McGuire for the position of Adjutant at American Legion 22<sup>nd</sup> District and another Resolution for Harry Woodstrom for the position of Commander at American Legion 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.

### Reports:

Finance Officer; Our banking report shows an ending balance of \$7,152 dollars.

Sergeant at Arms; 39 members present and 4 visitors Sick call, relief and unemployment; None at this time.

Service Officer: Not here

1st Vice Commander; We are currently at 78:88% of our Goal of 322 Members.

Membership; We will be contacting members for renewal and members of Post 345 for transferring.  $2^{nd}$  Vice Commander; Currently planning for a booth at Safety Fest in April, and scheduling flag collections, and assisting with Buddy Checks.

Judge Advocate; No report

Boys State; Packets were sent to all 10 local High Schools, and 5 Private Schools.

Honor Guard; 11 Funerals for 160 service hours.

Board of Trustees; Utilities for this building are now connected to our Post name. Harry Woodstrom read from a list of several items available to purchase from I10 Fire Department. See New Business.

Public Relations; Information on Wreaths across America event, and Oratorical winner information, and Veterans Breakfast, and 4 Chaplains Program was sent to local news media.

Initiation of Candidates;

5 New Members were Initiated into Post 164

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

New Business, Correspondence, and Announcements

### New Business;

Butch Sparks motioned to endorse the Resolutions for Harry Woodstrom and James McGuire, Morrow Krum  $2^{nd}$  the motion, no discussion, motion passed. Harry Woodstrom motioned to purchase the items as listed from I10 Fire Department, motion was  $2^{nd}$  by Ted Whiteman, during discussion the Storage Building was eliminated, Butch Sparks motioned to amend this motion to say "Purchase items when funds are available, no further discussion, motion passed.

#### Announcements

Veterans Breakfast is on February 5th from 7 to 10am

Next Post Executive Committee Meeting is on February 1st at 7:30pm

Next Post Membership Meeting is on February 15th

22<sup>nd</sup> District DEC will be held at Post 472 on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 2PM

22<sup>nd</sup> District Convention will be at Post 164 on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

Bingo License for our Post was approved, waiting for Dan's Paradise Bingo hall to open.

Department of Texas Oratorical Contest is February 21<sup>st</sup> in San Antonio and our Post winner Daniel Rupewalla will be competing.

February will be Post 164 2oth Year Anniversary

Post Officer elections are in May, see Commander to seek a position on ballot.

4 Chaplains Event is scheduled for February 6th

Joint Executive Committee meeting with Post and Auxiliary is January 25th

Legionnaire of the Year committee needs to get started, see Peter Batura for details.

February 19th is Rodeo Parade, see Commander for more details.

## The Good of The American Legion;

Jim Scoggin discussed a bus trip on March  $24^{th}$  at a cost of \$5.00 for Veterans, see Jim after meeting for details. Ernie Cormier is asking for volunteers to help cleanout barrels before next Flag Retirement.

If no further business our Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Sergeant at Arms, recovers the POW/MIA Flag.

Post Commander, I now declare this meeting adjourned at 9:05pm